

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of April 13, 2006 (Office Action), has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 2-4, 6-17, 20-30, 32-39, 42-46, 48-56 and 60-67 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 2-4, 6-17, 20-30, 32-39, 42-46, 48-50, 53, 55, 56, 63, 64 and 65 have been amended; and claims 1, 5, 19, 31, 40, 41, 47, 52 and 57-59 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Note that claims 25, 34, 42, 48 and 55 have been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of their base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 25, 33, 42, 48 and 55 have not been substantively amended.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Smith for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the examiner interview of September 12, 2006. During the interview, we discussed the outstanding rejections, the cited prior art and potential amendments to claims 19 and 62. In addition, we discussed aspects of the invention illustrated in the examples of Figures 17, 18, 21-23 and 25-27, which pertain to sample ontologies, personal interest graphs, and weighted nodes.

Claim rejections

Claims 1-17, 19-23, 25-50, 52-53, 55-58, and 60-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,151,584 to Papierniak et al. (Papierniak). Claims 24, 51, 54 and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Papierniak in view of the website www.financialengines.com as archived at www.archive.org on October 12, 1999 (Financialengines.com). Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Papierniak in view of Financialengines.com and further in view of the website www.medscape.com, as archived at www.archive.org on February 29, 2000 (Medscape.com).

Claims 1, 5, 19, 31, 40, 41, 47, 52 and 57-59 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4, 6-17, 20-30, 32-39, 42-46, 48-56 and 60-67 are respectfully requested.

Independent claims 25, 34, 42, 48, 55 and 62 recite subject matter pertaining to weighted nodes or a weighted list. As generally discussed in the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that this subject matter is not taught or suggested by the cited prior art. For example, there is no teaching or suggestion at all in Papierniak with respect to a personalization interest graph including the hierarchical collection of linked nodes from the ontology, in which the nodes include *weight values based on user data and based on conclusions about the user made from the inferencing engine*. This subject matter simply is not addressed by Papierniak, nor is the subject matter pertaining to weighted nodes or a weight list as recited in independent claims 25, 34, 42, 48 and 55. Neither financialengines.com, nor medscapes.com, overcomes at least this deficiency of Papierniak, nor were they relied upon to do so.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 25, 34, 42, 48, 55 and 62, and claims 2-4, 6-17, 20-24, 26-30, 32, 33, 35-39, 43-46, 49-54, 56, 60, 61, and 63-67 depending therefrom, are allowable over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-4, 6-17, 20-30, 32-39, 42-46, 48-56 and 60-67 are presently in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that further discussion and/or amendment would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below. Applicant hereby petitions for any extensions of time which may be required, except for payment of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 19-0733 any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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